

## 2011-2012 Influenza Availability Information

July 15, 2011

We are happy to announce that the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (MCDC), through the Maine Immunization Program (MIP), is able to supply seasonal influenza vaccine for this upcoming influenza season.

Maine CDC is pleased to announce that for the 2011/2012 influenza season, we plan on providing seasonal influenza vaccine for:

- All Maine children ages 6 months to 18 years old
- Employees of schools that provide onsite vaccine clinics on school days
- Pregnant women and their partners (through health care providers who routinely care for pregnant women)
- Nursing home employees and residents
- Any Underinsured or Uninsured adult in any setting (if the patient's insurance does not cover vaccines or if the patient does not have insurance)
- All individuals served by Tribal health centers and Municipal Health Departments

Vaccine distribution will be prioritized in the following order:

1. Children under 18 years old
2. Pregnant women
3. Residents and health care staff of long term care facilities and nursing homes
4. Adults

It is allowable to bill a reasonable administration fee provided that no patient is denied state supplied vaccine for inability to pay administration fee. If the patient is MaineCare eligible you may not bill for more than \$14.37 for the administration fee.

### How to Order Vaccine

Unlike previous years, there will be no paper order form for influenza vaccine. For your convenience, all orders will be managed through the Immpact2 system. You will be able to submit the provider agreement, record temperature logs, place vaccine orders, track when the vaccine order has been approved for shipment, and record and reconcile shots given against your current inventory all through the Immpact2 system. Guidelines and procedures will be sent out in **the first week of August** for ordering the vaccine.

To ensure your facility will be eligible to place your vaccine order, please guarantee that the following are up to date within Immpact2:

- 2011 Provider Contract
- Current vaccine administration reports
- Monthly temperature logs

If you need assistance accessing Impact2 please contact the Help Desk at 1-800-906-8754.

### **School-Located Vaccine Clinics (SVLC)**

We will support the efforts of all communities in vaccinating children in the school setting again this year. Schools have proven to be a successful venue for reaching children for vaccination. For individual schools or Providers that will be participating in offering clinics at a school setting, the SLVC enrollment form will be available to download in August. The SLVC enrollment form must be returned prior to any vaccine being released. Please return the enrollment form at least two weeks prior to the clinic date, to ensure timely delivery of vaccine. The form will be located at [www.maineflu.gov](http://www.maineflu.gov)

### **Maine Immunization Program Timeline**

July 2011	Communicate to Providers on the intent of vaccine availability
August 2011	Communicate to Providers the vaccine order process SLVC ToolKit posted online
September-December 2011	Vaccine shipments arrive in provider offices

We are very excited to be able to offer State-supplied seasonal influenza vaccine for your patients. We appreciate your efforts in ensuring that every dose is effectively accounted for and administered.

Thank you for your dedication to keep the citizens of Maine, free of vaccine-preventable disease. If you have any questions, please call the Maine Immunization Program at 1-800-867-4775 or email [flu.questions@maine.gov](mailto:flu.questions@maine.gov).